sports, trekking, rock-climbing, angling and adventure tourism through the active association of youth organisations and other non-governmental agencies.

7. Places of heritage monuments can be further developed into cultural-cum-recreational centres.

8. The creation of tourist infrastructure at hill stations is being specially emphasised.

9. The creation of facilities for tourists at stop-over points that link pilgrim destinations and tourist destinations.

10. The organising of Tourism Festivals annually and craft melas for the promotion of handicrafts, art and culture.

11. A high-power group under the leadership of the Minister for Tourism will review developmental programmes and progress made from time to time and advise the Government on fresh measures to be taken up for promotion of touroism. In addition, District Tourism Promotion Committee are being constituted in each district under Chairmanship of District Collector, to involve local agencies at the district level in development of tourism and to play an coordinating role in bringing departments together.

12. Tourists will be provided with authentic information information through various communication material (brochures, folders video films) to be supplied by the State Government.

13. Osmansagar, Shamirpet and Sathamcheruvu have been identified at ideal locales to establish amusement parks, recreational and shopping complexes, landscaped gardens, water fountains and golf centres.

14. Beach resorts and nearby locales have also been identified for setting up of water sport facilities and recreational complexes with catering and accommodation facilities.

15. Buddhist Centres, some of which are under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India and some under the control of the State Government, need to be developed to attract Buddhists from all over the world. The State Government encourages providing tourist amenities at these Buddhist Centres.

16. The State Government encourages private entrepreneurs to actively participate in the development of the tourism sector with special reference to upgradation of existing infrastructure and the quality of service.

Delayed flights

163. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has een drawn to the report published in the Times of India dated 28th January, 1995, under the caption "Plight of passengers of delayed flights"; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and are being taken to ensure that passengers of delayed flights are afforded the facilities and amenities permissible for them under IATA regulations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir·

(b) IATA resolutions are recommendatory and not mandatory· Airlines provide facilities to passengers of delayed flights according to the facts of each situation such as period of delay, alternative flights available, capacity of the airline etc·

विक्रमशिला महाविद्यालय तथा मंदार पर्वत में पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने की योजनाएं

164. **श्री जनार्दन यादव :** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री** 15 दिसम्बर, 1994 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 126 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विक्रमशिला महाविद्यालय और मंदार पर्वत में पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने तथा उन्हें यात्रा-संबंधी और अन्य संबद्ध सुविधाएं प्रदान करने की सरकार की कोई योजना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) :(क) और (ख) बिहार सरकार ने विक्रमशिला के विकास के लिए एक संकल्पना योजना तैयार की है। योजना में पर्यटक परिसर, कुटीरें, होटल आवास, ओपन एअर थिएटर, हस्तकला एम्पोरियम/दुकानों, रेस्तराओं का निर्माण तथा पेय जल सुविधाएं आदि शामिल हैं। मंदार के पहाड़ों के लिए कोई विशिष्ट स्कीम नहीं बनाई गई है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Completion of Airport Development Projects

165. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI JANARDHAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in 1984 in the work of development of airport at Allahabad, Agra, Kanpur and Lucknow;

(b) the amount sanctioned in 1994 for each of the above airports and the estimated expenditure on them; and

(c) by when the airport development projects for each of the above cities are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The National Airports Authority (NAA) has taken up development of Agra and Lucknow airports. Details of projects are given in the statement (see below).

The NAA has not taken up development of Allahabad and Kanpur airports in 1994.